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1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.
2. This REPORT consists of a total of 4 sheets, including this cover sheet.
- ☐ This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e., sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).

These annexes consist of a total of _____ sheets.

3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:
- I ☒ Basis of the report
 - II ☐ Priority
 - III ☐ Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
 - IV ☐ Lack of unity of invention
 - V ☒ Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
 - VI ☐ Certain documents cited
 - VII ☐ Certain defects in the international application
 - VIII ☐ Certain observations on the international application


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I. Basis of the report

1. With regard to the elements of the international application:*

- ☒ the international application as originally filed
- ☐ the description:
 pages _____, as originally filed
 pages _____, as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19
 pages _____, filed with the demand
 pages _____, filed with the letter of _____
- ☐ the claims:
 pages _____, as originally filed
 pages _____, as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19
 pages _____, filed with the demand
 pages _____, filed with the letter of _____
- ☐ the drawings:
 pages _____, as originally filed
 pages _____, filed with the demand
 pages _____, filed with the letter of _____
- ☐ the sequence listing part of the description:
 pages _____, as originally filed
 pages _____, filed with the demand
 pages _____, filed with the letter of _____

2. With regard to the language, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

These elements were available or furnished to this Authority in the following language English which is

- ☐ the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 23.1(b)).
- ☒ the language of publication of the international application (under Rule 48.3(b)).
- ☐ the language of the translation furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3).

3. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, the international preliminary examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:

- ☐ contained in the international application in written form.
- ☐ filed together with the international application in computer readable form.
- ☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.
- ☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form.
- ☐ The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.
- ☐ The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.

4. ☐ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- ☐ the description, pages _____
- ☐ the claims, Nos. _____
- ☐ the drawings, sheets _____

5. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).**

* Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this opinion as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report since they do not contain amendments (Rules 70.16 and 70.17).

** Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item I and annexed to this report.

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V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	2, 3, 5-11	YES
	Claims	1, 4	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	2, 3, 5-11	YES
	Claims	1, 4	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-11	YES
	Claims	NONE	NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

Reference is made to the following documents:

D1: US 5,171,429 A (15 December 1992)

D2: US 5,491,617 A (13 February 1996)

D3: KR 2000-24110 A (6 May 2000)

D4: JP 02-286987 A (27 November 1990) (not cited in the ISR)

Novelty and Inventive Step

D4 is the closest prior art to claims 1 and 4 of the present application.

Claim 1 relates to a tap water temperature sensing type of light emitting apparatus, comprising a power source, a control unit, a sensing unit and a light emitting unit. D1 relates to a hot and cold water mixing valve and faucet comprising an electric cord, a water pressure switch, a temperature sensor and a light source. The power source, the control unit, the sensing unit and the light emitting unit according to claim 1 are respectively equivalent to the electric cord, the water pressure switch, the temperature sensor, and the light source according to D1.

Claim 4 relates to the light emitting apparatus of claim 1, wherein the light emitting unit comprises a light transmitting unit made of optical fiber. Said light transmitting unit is equivalent to the light guiding means of D4.

Therefore, claims 1 and 4 do not meet the requirements of PCT Article 33(2) and 33(3).

The subject matter of claims 2, 3 and 5-11 is not described in D4 nor is it rendered obvious. Accordingly, a person skilled in the art can readily not invent the light emitting apparatus claimed in claims 2, 3 and 5-11. Therefore, claims 2, 3 and 5-11 meet the requirements of PCT Article 33(2) and 33(3).

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Supplemental Box
(To be used when the space in any of the preceding boxes is not sufficient)

Continuation of:

Box V.

Industrial Applicability

The present invention which enables a user to visually observe the water temperature can be usefully used. Therefore, claims 1-11 meet the requirement of PCT Article 33(4).